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**Statement of U.S. Attorney Kevin J. O'Connor and  
FBI Special Agent-In-Charge Michael J. Wolf  
on the George A. Smith IV Investigation**

“For the past several weeks, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Connecticut have been conducting an investigation into the disappearance of Connecticut resident George A. Smith IV from the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines vessel *Brilliance of the Seas* in the Mediterranean Sea.

“We believe that the circumstances in this matter warrant a thorough investigation, which is active and ongoing. The families of both Jennifer Hagel Smith and George A. Smith IV have been fully cooperative.

“We will have no further comment on the investigation at this time.”

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